PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Ninth Annual Convention

OF THE

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OF

Kansas and Adjacent States,

CONVENED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1876,

AND

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Synodical Calendar,

1876—1877.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President, REV. A. A. TRIMPER, - - - LAWRENCE, KAS.
Secretary, " T. F. DORNBLASER, - - KANSAS CITY, MO.
Treasurer, MR. J. B. SCHELL, - - - " "

Mission Committee,

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Delegates to the General Synod,

CLERICAL:	LAY:
REV. C. MARTIN, M. D.,	HON. G. W. HOUSHOLDER,
T. F. DORNBLASER,	T. F. GARVER, ESQ.

Commissioners to Carthage College,

REV'S. TRIMPER, SEIDEL, McAFEE.

Speakers for Next Meeting,

ORDINATION, - - - - REV. S. P. HARRINGTON.
EDUCATION. - - - - - " C. MARTIN, M. D.
HOME MISSIONS, - - - - " R. WEISER, D. D.

Synodical Missionary,

REV. S. P. HARRINGTON, ABILENE, KANSAS.

Next Convention of Synod,

PLACE: SALINA, KANSAS,
TIME: Wednesday Evening, before the last Sabbath in August 1877.

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met in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday Evening,

August 1st, 1876.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. S. P. Harrington, from Psalm 68, 16.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2d, 9 o'clock A. M.

After spending a half hour in devotional exercises, Synod was opened with singing, reading the scriptures, and prayer by the President.

The roll was called, and lay-delegates received by presenting their credentials.

LIST OF CLERICAL MEMBERS.

	NAMES.	ADDRESS.	REMARKS.
1.	Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.,	Georgetown, Col.,	No charge.
2.	" D. S. Altman,	Ottawa, Kansas,	
3.	" A. A. Trimper,	Lawrence, "	
4.	" C. Young, (a)	Salina, "	No charge.
5.	" G. A. Exline, (a)	Bunker Hill, "	No Report
6.	" D. Harbaugh,	Waterville, "	
7.	" T. R. Sherer, (a)	Waterville, "	
8.	" G. Walker, (a)	White Rock, "	No charge.
9.	" J. B. McAfee,	Topeka, "	No charge.
10.	" S. P. Harrington,	Abilene, "	Syn. Miss.
11.	" J. B. Corbett, (a)	Bunker Hill, "	
12.	" H. Heigerd, (a)	Effingham, "	No charge.
13.	" C. J. Sheleen,	Bismark, "	
14.	" E. J. Keplinger, (a)	Valley Falls, "	No charge.
15.	" T. F. Dornblaser,	Kansas City, Mo.	
16.	" C. Martin, M. D.,	St. Joseph, "	No charge.
17.	" W. C. Seidel,	Minneapolis, Kas	
18.	" G. Sanderson,*	Kansas City, Mo.	Licensiate.

(a) absent.—*Licensed this Synod.

Rev. W. C. Seidel was received as a member of this Synod, by presenting his certificate of honorable dismission from the Synod of Northern Illinois.

LAY DELEGATES.

1.	A. Toucher,	Vineland Charge,	absent.
2.	John H. Reitzel,	Waterville "	"
3.	S. P. Donmeyer,	Salina "	"
4.	J. M. Shepherd	Abilene "	"
5.	George Sanderson	Kansas City Church	present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Prof. D. L. Tressler, Ph. D., President of Carthage College.
Rev. S. J. Osterberg, Augustana Synod.
" T. Hill, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
" A. C. Williams, M. E. Church.
" A. W. Colver, Presbyterian Church.
" A. Schabehorn, Editor "Kansas Courier."

Prof. Tressler was unanimously requested to fill the pulpit this evening, choosing his own theme.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren,

Through the good providence of God we are now permitted again to meet in our *Ninth Annual Convention*. It becomes us to render devout thanks-giving to the Great Head of the Church for his great goodness and tender mercies vouchsafed to us in the past year.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of Synod I lay before you a report of my official acts during this Synodical year.

DISMISSALS.

October 26th, 1875. Rev. A. G. Bergenshield asked for a Certificate of honorable dismission from this Synod, but did not state to what body he desired to be dismissed. I therefore sent him a dismissal to unite with the Iowa or Ansgari Synod, which he presented to the Augustana Synod — but was not received by that body. I then sent him a dismissal from this body to the Augustana Synod in March 1876.

December 9th, 1875. Rev. C Cook asked for a letter of honorable dismission, to unite with the Nebraska Synod. I sent him a dismissal according to his request.

March 11th, 1876. Rev. Joseph K. Eckman asked to be honorably dismissed from this Synod, to unite with the "Northwestern Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches." I accordingly sent him said dismission.

RESIGNATIONS.

In October 1875. Rev. Joseph K. Eckman, informed me that he had resigned the church at White Rock, in Republic County, Kansas.

In February, 1876. Rev. C. Young informed me, that he had resigned the Salina charge, to take effect on the first day of March, 1876.

ORGANIZATIONS FORMED.

Rev. F. R. Scherer informed me in January, 1876. That he had organized a Lutheran church, about seven miles east of Enterprise, Kas., numbering 22 members, with very encouraging future prospects.

Your humble President organized a church at Dillon, in the South part of Dickinson County, Kas., numbering 18 members, which is also very hopeful. At both these points they have encouraging Sunday schools and prayer meetings.

HONORABLE DISMISSAL RECEIVED.

On the 16th day of May 1876, Rev. W. C. Seidel, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and now of Minneapolis, Kas., handed me his letter of honorable dismission from his Synod. I accordingly ordered the Secretary to place his name on the roll of our Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The correspondence of your President has been large. The following are however the only communications which claim the attention of this Synod:—

October 30th, 1875. I received a letter from Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., informing me, that through some inadvertance he failed to be informed of the time of our last meeting of Synod, that he did not wish to appear disloyal to the Synod, or as ignoring its claims. He asked me to excuse his absence and to place him in a proper light before the brethren of Synod.

In June, 1876. I received a letter from Rev. S. S. Lawson, of Morristown, Ill., directing my attention and that of the Synod, to Peabody, Kansas, as a hopeful point for our church. I accordingly opened corre-

spondence with Bro. P. Weidlein of that place, and learned the following facts: There are about fifteen members there, some of which have, for the time being, united with the Presbyterian church. They are all very respectable people. Some of them pecuniarily well off. They can pay about $250. towards a Pastor's salary. Peabody is an important point, and should be carefully looked after by some member of this Synod. I promised to visit them; but could not do so before the meeting of Synod.

I received a letter from Bro. J. M. Seidel, of Eureka, Kansas, requesting me to urge the "Board of Home Missions" to make an appropriation of $250. to the support of Rev. Gift, who belongs to a Synod in connection with the General Council. He could not see his way clear to unite with our Synod. We could not therefore recommend them, as the rules limit the Board, so that an appropriation from that source would be impossible.

I also received a letter some time in March, 1876, from Bro. J. M. Keyser, of Central City, in Anderson county, Kansas, asking me to assist them in securing a minister. But from what Bro. C. Cook, their former pastor, had told me, I could not give any minister much encouragement for a support. As the Board of Home Mission could not do anything for them with its then depleted treasury, and they could not sustain him themselves.

There are about seven families at Central City and about the same number at Garnett. I refer this point to Synod.

VACANCIES.

Monrovia, Stranger Creek, Valley Falls, Topeka, Atchinson and White Rock churches seem to be hopelessly vacant. What can we do for them? Salina charge has been supplied by Rev. W. C. Seidel from May last, to this date.

The officers of Synod recommended Rev. Henry Heigerd to the Board of Publication, to act as colporteur within the bounds of our Synod, for some reason he did not accept the appointment. I do still feel that we should have some efficient brother in this very important department of our work. What will the Synod recommend in regard to it?

CONCLUSION.

Now, with the field, which our Synod should occupy, fully and clearly before me, I wish to say, that there are but a few things of which I am able to speak encouragingly upon the whole territory.

The Kansas City church has been relieved of its burdensome debt, for which we have all reason to be grateful to God. May the Lord prosper the pastor and people of this church abundantly in the future, and make them a power for good in this city.

Some of our charges have enjoyed tokens of the Divine presence, and a few new organizations have been effected. But—alas!! What is all this compared with what we should have done?

One thing is very clearly certain, that is: As a church we *must* change our methods of operation.

Our ministers *in the West*, must not be compelled any longer to divide their time between the gospel and secular pursuits.

As a whole church we must furnish our Boards of Home Missions, Church Extension and Education, with the necessary means and co-operation, to make them sufficiently efficient, to keep pace with other denominations.

Our influential men, at the head of some of our institutions in the

East, must in some way, be made to feel that it is not lowering the dignity of young men of talent, to come West and enter the mission work of our church. Other denominations are doing the very opposite to this.

We must have in each Synod of the West a superintendent of missions, or some person either the President or some other one, who will give his entire time to looking after our vacant missions and churches and other encouraging points, who will be supported, in part at least, by our Board of Home Missions. It is almost the universal opinion of our Western people, that *this must be done or we must fail.*

And finally. The unhappy discussions in our much divided church, must stop. The people are sick and disgusted with it. What a glorious thing it would be if the same energy were given to heal our divisions and to fulfill the Divine command, "Go, preach my gospel to every creature."

May the Lord have mercy upon us and bless us. Let there be a deeper and more humble consecration of ourselves to the great work of saving men from sin and death.

Very respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON, President.

The President's report was referred to the proper committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected for the ensuing year.

President—Rev. A. A. Trimper.
Secretary— " T. F. Dornblaser.
Treasurer—J. B. Shell, Esq.

HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING.

Resolved, That the sessions of this Synod be held from 9:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M., and from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M., one half hour each morning to be devoted to prayer and praise. Evening service at 8:00 P. M.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Prof. Tressler.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 2d, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by Dr. Weiser.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev's. Weiser and McAfee.
2. MINUTES OF SYNOD.—Rev's. Harbaugh and Sanderson.
3. COMMUNICATIONS.—Rev's. Altman and Corbett.
4. APPLICATION OF CHURCHES.—Rev's. McAfee and Scheleen.
5. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—Rev's. Seidel and Sanderson.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT.—Rev. Harbaugh and J. H. Reitzel.
7. STATE OF RELIGION.—Rev. Harrington and S. P. Donmeyer
8. CHURCH LITERATURE.—Rev's. Martin and Weiser.
9. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.—Rev's. Tressler, Weiser and Harrington.

Dr. Weiser and Rev. Harrington were appointed to report a synopsis of our proceedings in the city papers.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In connection with the presentation of the reports, the Pastors made brief statements of the spiritual and financial condition of their respective charges.

Dr. Weiser reported 4 Infant baptisms and received $400. salary as a supply for a Presbyterian church in Georgetown, Col.

Rev. W. C. Seidel offered the following resolutions:

1. That a column be opened in our parochial table for Pastor's salary.
2. And another for contributions to Carthage College.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE NO. I.

Your committee has carefully examined the able and well prepared report of the President. We would recommend to Synod that all his official acts be and are hereby recognized as valid. There is nothing in the report, which seems to demand any special action of this body. We suggest the importance of having a Traveling Missionary appointed by our Board of Home Missions. We agree with him in this suggestion, and hope the Board will consider this matter well when brought before them.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Weiser.
J. B. McAfee.

Adopted.

It was made the first order of business for to-morrow, to hear Prof. Tressler on the interests of Carthage College. Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. Martin, M. D.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, August 3d, 9 o'clock A. M.

One half hour being devoted to prayer and praise, Synod was duly opened by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

Prof. Tressler presented in a very able manner the interests of this young and flourishing institution.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That we have listened with great pleasure to Prof. Tressler; that we have opened a column in our Parochial table with a view to urge our people to contribute toward the endowment of a Centennial Professorship, that we pledge anew our sympathy and co-operation with this institution, and return our hearty thanks to the Professor for his timely visit among us, and for the very interesting history of the college which he gave us.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer offers the following report:

For what purpose.	DR.	CR.	BALANCE.
Beneficiary Ed.	$38.00	$10.00	$28.00
Home Missions	46.85	39.00	7.85
Foreign Missions	15.35	15.45	——
Synodical Treasury	45.97	30.00	15.97
General Synod	2.35	——	2.35
	$148.52	$94.45	$54.17

Over paid on F. M. 10c.

$148.62 less $94.45 $54.17

Amount on hand and ready to be paid over, fifty-four dollars and seventeen cents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SCHELL, Treasurer.

Referred to Auditing Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary has expended the following sums:

Nov. 9th, 1875,	To Allen & Ward, for printing 300 copies of minutes	$27.50
" "	For paper, postage and wrappers	2.15
		$29.65
" "	Received of Treasurer	$29.65

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER, Sec.

Referred as above.

COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Your Committee to whom the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were referred with the vouchers have examined the same, and finding them correct, we recommend that they appear in the published minutes.

Adopted.

D. HARBAUGH.
J. H. REITZEL.

A number of the pastors having failed to send in any report; the following was offered:

Resolved, That Rev. W. C. Seidel, Chairman of committee on Parochial reports, be instructed to write to the various delinquent pastors, and

congregations, urging them to send in a report with a *liberal* collection immediately.

Adopted.

Synod adjournd. Prayer by Rev. George Sanderson.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 9, o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. D. S. Altman. Synod was duly opened. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Your Committee have examined the minutes of the last meeting of this Synod, and find the following items claiming our attention:

Item 1, On page 5. we learn that the constitution for the adoption of individual churches was laid on the table for future action.

We recommend that it be taken up for consideration and adoption.

Recommendation approved.

Item 2, On page 11. Bros. Harrington and Altman were requested to supply the Eureka charge with preaching occasionally. Have they done so?

Answer. We corresponded with the people of Eureka, did not visit them, but ascertained that they were supplied with preaching.

Item 3, The churches of Topeka, Valley Falls, Monrovia, and Stranger Creek were recommended to the Advisory Mission Committee, with instructions to make immediate efforts to supply them. What has the committee done?

The committee corresponded with these churches, but could effect no permanent arrangement to supply them.

Item 4, Revs. Harbaugh and McAfee were appointed a committee to look after the interests of our church at Atchison.

The committee learned that the church property consisting of 39 lots, was in the hands of the congregation at Atchison. The taxes have been punctually paid.

The following was offered:

Resolved, That Rev. J. B. McAfee be appointed a committee to secure the property in the city of Atchison in some way to make it safe to the church. Adopted.

Item 5, Rev. Altman was appointed to visit the congregation

in Johnson county, Kas., and Rev. J. B. Corbett to look up the Lutheran material in Ellsworth.

Rev. Altman visited them once during the year. The people paying half his expenses. No report from Bro. Corbett.

Item 6, The General Synod requires all our churches to take up collections for its Treasury annually in the month of April. Have they done so?

Rev. Harbaugh "yes," all the rest "no."

Resolved, That those who have neglected this duty, attend to it as soon as possible. Adopted.

Item 7, The amount this Synod was to raise for Home Missions was about $140, or 18 cts. per member. Has this amount been raised? "No." Some have done more than their portion, others have failed to do anything.

Item 8, Is the committee on systematic Beneficence ready to report?

It is not.

Item 9, Are the delegates to Sister Synods ready to report?

They are.

The *second document* in the hands of the committee is a copy of the minutes of the Synod of Northern Illinois, in which we find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Harbaugh,
G. Sanderson.

COMMISSIONERS TO CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

Your commissioners would report that they were not able, on account of the expense, to attend the meeting of the Board in person. They sent in their excuse for non-attendance, which was kindly received by the Board. We are happy to report the College in a flourishing condition. The Students numbering during the past year—70 Ladies and 145 Gentlemen. The course of instruction is thorough and full. The faculty compares favorably, in learning and efficiency, with similar institutions in the land. In point of economy it is excelled by none. As we have been favored by a visit in the person of Prof. Tressler, the President of the institution, no further notice from us will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. Trimper,
J. B. McAfee,
T. F. Dornblaser.

By motion of Rev. D. Harbaugh, the constitution for the adoption of individual churches was now taken up, item by item.

After careful consideration, and such amendments and alterations having been made as were deemed necessary, the constitution was unanimously adopted as it appears in *Appendix* to these minutes.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. W. Colver.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Rev. C. Martin, M. D., was appointed by Synod to deliver the closing address on Home Missions this evening.

COMMITTEE NO. 4.

Your committee to whom were referred the application of the Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran church of Dillon, Kansas, to become an integral part of this Synod, having adopted the Formula of Government prescribed by the General Synod, we therefore recommend that their petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MCAFEE,
C. J. SCHELEEN.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE NO. 3.

The documents placed in our hands are:—

1st. A postal card from Rev. F. R. Sherer, informing Synod of his inability to meet with us in this Synodical Convention. He asks Synod to excuse his non-attendance, and to furnish a supply for the congregation he recently organized in Dickinson county, Kas.

Your committee regret his absence, his neglect to send his Parochial report, and his constitutional contribution to the Synodical Treasury. We recommend that for this neglect of duty, he be not excused.

This item adopted.

2d. Is a card from Rev. H. Heigerd, stating that it is not "reasonably possible" for him to meet with us in convention, and asks to be excused.

Bro. H. was excused by vote of Synod.

3d. Is a letter from Rev. G. Walker, of White Rock, Kas., assigning for his absence the remoteness of the place of meeting, and the condition of things at home. He sends one dollar

for Synodical Treasury.

We regret Bro. Walker's continued absence, his neglect from year to year to send in his Parochial report, and would urge him to attend the *annual* meetings of this body.

Bro. W. was not excused.

4th. Is a communication from Rev. J. W. Goodlin, in which he informs this body, that, in the opinion of the Board, it was thought best for him not to visit the Western Synods this fall, but to devote his whole time to the Eastern Synods.

We regret exceedingly the absence of Bro. Goodlin, and pray that he may be abundantly successful in awakening a deeper interest among our Eastern brethren, in the work of extending our Zion in the *Great West.*

Adopted.

5th. Is a letter from Rev. A. A. Wagenhals, of Atchinson, asking the indulgence of Synod for his inavoidable absence, and prays this body "to degrade him from the ranks of the ministry," by dropping his name from the roll.

Your committee are unwilling to recommend the *degradation* of Bro. Wagenhals, they would rather elevate him, and assist him to a higher position of usefulness in the church, but inasmuch, as Bro. Wagenhals is willing to assume the responsibility, and desires to withdraw from the ministry, we respectfully refer his prayer to the earnest consideration of this Synod, to be disposed of according to Chap. III. Section 5, of the constitution.

In view of which the following was offered:

Resolved, That the prayer of Bro. A. A. Wagenhals be granted, and that his name be stricken from the roll.

Adopted.

6th. Is a letter from Rev. C. Young, expressing his deep regret at his inability, on account of age and infirmity to be with us. He calls the attention of Synod to the importance of sending a young man of classical education, to take charge of the Salina congregation. For such a man a salary of $400. could be raised. He also calls the attention to two other points in the vicinity of Salina, Gymsum Valley and Delphos. He also sends his Parochial report.

Your committee deeply sympathize with Father Young in his declining years, and recommend that the points referred to be considered under vacant congregations, and that Bro. Young be *excused.*

Adopted.

7th. "Is a communication from Rev. J. B. Corbett, of Bunker Hill, Kansas, in which he regrets his necessary absence.

He represents his church and Sabbath school in a prosperous condition, and anticipates better results during the coming year. He sends his Parochial report and $7.00.

We recommend that he be excused for non-attendance.

Adopted.

8th. Is a letter from Bro. John Helwig, of Monrovia, Atchinson Co., Kas., We recommend that it be read before Synod, and referred to com. on vacant congregations.

Adopted.

9th. Is a commnnication from Rev. Severinghaus, of Chicago, stating that he has sent us a few German documents, which he hopes Synod will notice favorably. He also solicits the publication of our minutes. We recommend that his request be granted.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN.

REV. E. J. KEPLINGER,

The following resolutions were effered:

1*st*, That we learn with pleasure, that Rev. Keplinger has returned into the bounds of our Synod, and

2*d*, That as he did not know of the meeting of our Synod, he be excused for non-attendance, and

3*d*, That the President of Synod be instructed to write to Bro. Keplinger and urge him to resume the active duties of the ministry so soon, as in the Providence of God, the way is open.

Adopted seriatim.

Rev. D. Harbaugh, by request, was excused from further attendance at this meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet as a ministerium. (See Appendix.)

Prayer by Rev. D. Harbaugh.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 5th, 9 o'clock A. M.

Having spent a half hour in devotional exercises, Synod was duly opened by the President.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Harrington.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

Rev. A. Schabehorn, of Kansas City, Mo., by request of his German friends, was invited by Synod, to deliver a Lecture on

the "Life and Work of Martin Luther," on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

COMMITTEE NO. 5.

Your committee on Parochial reports beg leave to offer the following thoughts:—

1st. That we are saddened to see the apparent neglect of some of the Brethren to send in their reports.

2d. That we regret the great deficiency in the benevolent department.

3d. In view of the foregoing, the committee recommend that Synod require of her members a full report as to their operations during the year, also, at least something in the various departments of benevolence. We herewith present the Table of Reports. (See Appendix.)

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Seidel,
G. Sanderson.

Adopted.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

1. Dr. Weiser made a lengthy statement of the attempts to establish Lutheran Missions in Denver and Georgetown, Colorado. The prominent Lutherans have mostly united with other churches, and no prospect of establishing our church seems to present itself at present.

2. Rev. Altman said that Johnson county, Kansas, presented a hopeful field to the Lutheran church.

3. Rev. S. P. Harrington reported Abilene, Kas., vacant on the 1st of September, 1876. That Dillon, Sherers and Enterprise congregations in Dickonson county, could be formed into an excellent charge. That Peabody in Marion county, is worthy the attention of this Synod.

4. Rev. J. B. McAfee reported the Topeka congregation in a discordant condition. They are out of debt, but no heart to *go ahead.*

5. Rev. W. C. Seidel reported Salina mission at a *stand still.* They must have the undivided time of a live man, in order to accomplish anything. They are financially able to take the lead among the churches of that growing city, if the Lutheran elements would combine their united strength.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. Martin, M. D.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 5, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS, *resumed.*

The following disposition was made of them by Synod:—

1. That Salina charge be referred to Rev.'s Harrington and Seidel, to supply them with preaching.

2. That we recommend Abilene to the favorable notice of the Board of Home Missions.

3. That the Sherer church and Peabody be referred to Rev. S. P. Harrington.

4. That Topeka be referred to Rev. J. B. McAfee.

5. That the churches at Valley Falls, Stranger Creek and Monrovia, be referred to Rev's. Harbaugh and McAfee.

6. That Rev. T. F. Dornblaser visit Johnson county, Kas., and see what can be done there.

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

Resolved, That we instruct the Advisory Mission Committee, to employ a suitable person, for at least three months of the ensuing year, to serve as a Synodical missionary, within the bounds of our Synod, at a salary of eight hundred dollars per year, over and above his expenses. And that said missionary shall raise the amount of his salary as far as possible, on his field of operation, and that the Synod shall become responsible for whatever deficiency there may be the salary of said missionary.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this missionary to visit all destitute points, vacant congregations and any other churches, which may need encouragement; to preach the Gospel, organize churches and furnish the vacancies with pastors, and report to the Chairman of the Mission committee, at the end of every month.

Adopted unanimously.

Dr. Weiser pledged $10. toward meeting the deficiency, and all the rest of the members promised to make up their proportion of the same.

COMMITTEE NO. 7.

On the State of the Church:—

Your committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report the following:

There has been some improvement in the financial condition of the country, and therefore, the people of the country and of the church feel much more encouraged than they did one year ago.

There has been an extended religious interest throughout the country, and many thousands of souls have been added to

the church of such as shall be saved.

And even upon the field occupied by our Synod, God has visited His people with tokens of the Divine blessing.

There is a growing interest in our Sunday Schools, and in some places the people are taking a deeper interest in our prayer meetings.

The most discouraging feature in our own Synod, is the want of an adequate support of our ministers. A hearty co-operation in some places, of the lay-members of the church in building up the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. By far too much time is being devoted to the world and too little to the interests of Zion, and the salvation of perishing sinners.

We recommend:—

1st, That there be a greater consecretion of ministers and people to God and his sacred cause.

2d, That pastors and people labor to promote a genuine spirit of revival in our churches and throughout the country.

3d, Our people throughout the churches should see that the efforts of our ministers are not embarrassed by an adequate support.

4th, That churches who are well supplied with pastors, should never make it necessary to change pastoral relations by designating some new man, some one who can gather the "multitude," for that man will not be likely to be found, unless he has the earnest support, co-operation and encouragement of the people, over whom he is placed a shepherd. And with this, changes in pastoral relations do not often become necessary.

Let us, my brethren in the ministry, urge our people everywhere to greater diligence in bringing the outcast and the wanderer from his Father's house, into God's spiritual fold.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
S. P. DONMEYER.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

CLERICAL.

Principals—Rev.'s C. Martin, M. D., T. F. Dornblaser.
Alternates—Prof. R. Weiser, D. D., Rev. J. B. Corbett.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Principals—Hon. G. W. Housholder, T. F. Garber, Esq.
Alternates—C. H. Lebold, B. Wallick.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Synod be held on Wednesday evening, before the last Sabbath in August 1877, at Salina, Kansas.
Adopted.

COMMISSIONERS TO CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

Appointed—Rev.'s A. A. Trimper, W. C. Seidel and J. B. McAfee.

ADVISORY MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Officers of Synod.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT SYNOD.

SUBJECTS.	PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
Ordination—	Rev. S. P. Harrington,	Rev. D. S. Altman.
Education—	" C. Martin, M. D.,	" T. F. Dornblaser.
Home Missions—	Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.,	" J. B. Corbett.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary have 300 copies of our minutes printed and distributed.

2. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the statements of Bro. Seidel in the interests of the *Quarterly Review*, and that we urge upon the brethren of this Synod, both clerical and lay, to give it their hearty support.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer forward to the President of Carthage College, October 1st, 1876, the funds now on hand for Educational purposes, unless prior thereto, the officers of Synod should appropriate it to the Education at Carthage, of some needy young men from the bounds of this Synod, having the ministry in view.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered, through our President, to the members and friends of the Lutheran church of Kansas City, Missouri, who so generously entertained us during the sittings of this Convention.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

Singing, and prayer by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER, Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 4 o'clock P. M.

The ministerium was duly opened. Prayer by Rev. T. Hill, D. D.

The committee on Examination presented the following report:

Your committee have examined Mr. George Sanderson, on all the points required in the constitution, except Greek and Hebrew. Mr. Sanderson is a good English scholar, and has made some progress in the study of Theology. And although he has not been enabled to pursue all the branches required of a Licenciate of this Synod, yet in view of existing circumstances, we recommend him for Licensure, with a distinct understanding

that he be required to continue his studies under the direction of the officers of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. WEISER,
D. L. TRESSLER,
S. P. HARRINGTON,

Adopted.

Saturday evening was appointed for the Licensure of Geo. Sanderson to the Gospel ministry.

Rev. R. Weiser, D. D., was appointed to preach the sermon for the occasion. Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DORNBLASER, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Tuesday Evening—Rev. S. P. Harrington. Synodical Sermon.
Wednesday " Prof. D. L. Tressler, Ph. D. Text: John 12, 32.
Thursday " Rev. S. P. Harrington. Subject: Education.
Friday " Rev.'s Dornblaser and Martin. Subj.: Home Missions.
Saturday " Rev. R. Weiser, D. D. " Licensure.
Sunday Morning—Rev. D. S. Altman, " "Our Zion."
" *Afternoon*—Dr's. Weiser and Schabehorn, " "Luther."
" *Evening*—Rev. A. A. Trimper, " "Communion."

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday Morning, ... Rev. A. A. Trimper.
" *Evening*, ... Rev. R. Weiser, D D.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday Morning . . Rev. S. P. Harrington.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday Morning . . . . Rev. C. Martin, M. D.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday Morning . . . . Rev. W. C. Seidel.

APPENDIX B.

CONSTITUTION

PREPARED BY THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas

AND ADJACENT STATES,

FOR THE

ADOPTION OF INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES WITHIN ITS BOUNDS.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, God has ordained the organization of the Christian church and whereas, we can be more useful by submission and obedience to his will; Therefore, we whose names are herunto attached, living in———, ———county, state of ———, desiring to promote the glory of God and to secure the salvation of ourselves, our children, our neighbors, and believing that the Bible is the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession is a correct exhibition of the *fundamental* doctrines of the divine Word, and also beleiving that the doctrines of God's Word are purely taught, and its ordinances are properly administered in the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States, as represented in the General Synod, do hereby form ourselves into an Evangelical Lutheran congregation and adopt the following constitution for our government.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This congregation shall be called ——— Evangelical Lutheran church of ———, and shall be composed of those who possess the requisite qualifications for church membership, and are received by a vote of the church council and according to the usages of our church.

ART. II.—The officers of this congregation shall consist of a pastor, —— elders, —— deacons and —— trustees. The pastor, elders and deacons shall constitute the church council.

ART. III.—The elders, deacons and trustees shall be elected by ballot, by the members of the congregation out of their own number, and shall serve for a term of two years, except the trustees who shall serve three years; provided, however, that at the first election it shall be so arranged that one elder, one deacon and one trustee shall go out of office annually.

The above members of the church council shall remain in office until their successors are elected, and regularly installed.

ART. IV.—The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held on ——— of each year, at which time a public exhibition and settlement of the accounts of the congregation shall be made.

ART. V.—The church council shall appoint annually, out of their own number, a secretary and treasurer, who shall attend to the duties usually devolving upon such officers. The treasurer shall not pay out any money without the consent of the council. The council shall meet at least every three months for prayer and the transaction of business.

ART. VI.—No person shall be permitted to preach in, or otherwise occupy the house of worship which may be owned by the congregation, without the consent of the majority of the church council and trustees.

ART. VII.—A vote of two thirds of the members present at a congregational meeting shall be requisite for the election of a pastor, and that such pastor elect, shall hold, or intend to hold his membership with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States.

ART. VIII.—It shall be the duty of the pastor to lead a Christian life, to preach the gospel, to administer the sacraments, to visit the members, especially when afflicted, and with fidelity to perform the duties of his sacred office.

ART. IX.—It shall be the duty of each member of the congregation to contribute to the support of the pastor, according to his or her ability, "for even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

ART. X.—No transfer of real estate belonging to this congregation shall be made without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a regular congregational meeting, two weeks notice having been given.

ART. XI.—The formula for the government and discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran church, published by the General Synod and appended to our hymn book, is hereby adopted for our government, so far as it does not conflict with this constitution.

ART. XII.—This constitution shall not be amended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a regular congregational meeting, due notice having been given of the time of the meeting and the amendment proposed.

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APPENDIX A.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF PASTORATES	Organized Churches.	Preaching Places.	MEMBERS RECEIVED BY: Infant Bapt'm.	Adult Baptism	Confirmation.	Certif. of Faith.	Restoration.	MEMBERS REMOVED BY: Death of Child'n	Death of Ad'lts	Certificate.	Expulsion.	Communicants.	Catechumens.	Prayer Meetings.	S. SCHOOLS: Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: Synodical Treas.	Benedictary Ed'n	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Church Extens'n	Pastor's Salary.	Local Objects.	G'l Benevolence.	Endowment F'd.	Total Contrib'ns
Rev. R. Weiser, D. D.*				4																	1 00		1 00							2 00
" C. Martin, M.D.**																					1 00									1 00
" A. A. Trimper,	Lawrence,	1		4			3			1			56		1	1		10	75	35 00	3 75		23 50	4 00		300 00	160 00	13 50		339 75
" D. S. Altman,	Ottawa	2	2	27						2	1		35	3	1		2	8	65	10 00	2 25	2 00	2 75	2 70		100 00	15 00			124 70
" C. Young,	Salina,	2		17						2	1	1	32			1		3	20				5 25							5 25
" G. A. Exline,																														
" D. Harbaugh,	Waterville	1	2	1	1	1	2				1		38		1		3	12	90		1 25	50	7 10				2 00	2 35		13 20
" T. R. Scherer,		2		22	12	24				2	5		38		3		2				1 00									1 00
" J. B. McAfee,*																							5 00							5 00
" S. P. Harrington,	Abilene,	2	3	5	6	9	16			1	5		56	13		1	2	12	200	50 00	4 00		8 00	2 00		400 00	240 00	27 00	100 00	800 00
" H. Heigert,*																	1	3	50											
" G. Walker,*																					1 00									1 00
" J. B. Corbett,	Bunker Hill,	1	1	10									24		1		1	5	50			1 50	4 50		50	50				7 00
" C. J. Scheleen,	St. Mary's,	2	1	18		3						1	25		1	2		3	15				1 00	1 00		150 00				3 50
" T. F. Dornblaser,	Kansas City,	1		12	4	3	9				2		60	20	1	1		9	120		2 50	2 00	9 00	7 50	8 50	500 00	1039 16	25 40		1614 66
" E. J. Keplinger,*																														
" W. C. Seidel,†			4	2													2	10	100	25 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00						5 00
	Monrovia,									1	3		45				2	9	60		3 85						25 00			28 85
	Topeka,																				5 00									5 00
Grand Total,		13	11	87	23	40	30			9	18	1	409	36	9	6	15	84	845	200 00	27 60	8 00	68 10	18 70	9 00	1450 00	1501 16	69 25	100 00	3187 31

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